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11. Because of U.S. sanctions, there are currently no USAID programs in Sudan specifically in support of the objectives of the Global Internet Task Force (GIFT). No funds have been allocated for programs to provide access to the Internet mentioned in para 6 of reftel for either 2005 or 2006. USAID is barred from providing assistance to the Government of National Unity of Sudan. U.S. companies are not allowed to transact business in Sudan and sanctions prohibit the import of U.S. equipment or the provision of services to Sudan by U.S. firms.

12. However, two USAID projects in Southern Sudan have indirectly assisted with IT training and improved IT access. In the first, a USAID funded project in conjunction with the U.S. Census Bureau has helped train local staff on data entry and processing. A second project helped to develop and install a financial MIS to track Government of Southern Sudan expenditures and provided training in computer literacy to the financial management staff.

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